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CONNECTOR WITH CAM ACTIVATED  
ENGAGERS

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(37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2))

1. Applicant asserted small entity status in this application on March 12, 2001 by:  
payment of the basic filing fee as a small entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(3))
2. Applicant hereby notifies the Office, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2),  
that it no longer has status as a small entity.

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